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1. An edited copy of the English translation of EP 0 277 095 is made of record. John M Koytcheff, a USPTO Translator of the STIC Translations branch, did the editing. Note the treatment of claim 14 on page 6 of the report.

***Conclusion***

2. Please direct any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner to Thomas C. McKenzie, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-9806. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund J. Shah can be reached on (703) 308-4716. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is (703) 308-4556 for regular communications. Please direct any inquiry of a general nature or any inquiry relating to the status of this application to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

  
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